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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: There are a number of Veterinary Surgeons. If we receive a complaint that it is due to the eating of the leaves of cashewnut trees, the matter is attended to.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Is the Madhavaram Colony producing enough grass for the requirements of the cows and buffaloes and calves of the Colony?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: If the hon. Member understands how the Madhavaram Colony works, then he can put the question. All these cows and buffaloes are not owned by the Government as such. These are owned by private people who get accommodation facilities and other such help. Recently, because we have land, the Project officers have taken up the cultivation of grass so that it can be supplied on payment of price to the owners of cattle.

DR. H. V. HANDE: There is a lot of land in Madhavaram Colony where casuarina trees are grown. Instead of this, is it not possible for the Government to fell these trees which are injurious to calves and plant grass? There will be sufficient grass for the Madhavaram Colony also.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Grass plantation has also been taken up.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Rearing of cattle in Madhavaram for the last three or four years has become expensive and the owners want to sell away the cattle because of heavy loss.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: It is not so in a large number of cases. There are still people who do make use of the facilities that are available in the Colony.

Installation of pumpsets on the banks of rivers

* 196 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government issued orders permitting the pumping of water for cultivation by the installation of pumpsets on the banks of rivers and canals; and

(b) whether the order was rescinded subsequently?

THE HON SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) In December 1962, the Government issued orders that the pumpsets installed without permission up to and inclusive of 2nd October 1961 on the banks of the Cauvery, Bhavani and Amaravathi rivers and their channels in Salem, Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli districts be regularised subject to certain conditions. Other cases of permits for pumping from main rivers or channels should come up to Government.

(b) No.